

**CRCOG Transportation Committee Meeting**  
**\*\*Acting on Behalf of the CRCOG Policy Board\*\***  
**Monday, July 21, 2025 | 12:00 PM**  
***Virtual Meeting***

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>
Larry Baril	Avon
Eric Anderson	Andover
Chris Edge	Berlin
Robert Trottier	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Neil Pade	Canton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Len Norton	East Windsor
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Steve Braun	Glastonbury
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Yousheng Mao	Hartford
Paul Forrest	Hebron
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Jason Outlaw	New Britain
Chris Zibbideo	Newington
David Nourse	Southington
Bill Hawkins	Suffield
David Corcoran	Tolland
Gregory Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Troy Sposato	Willington
Devin Cowperthwaite	Windsor Locks

**Guests**

Michael Ahern	Berlin
Dan Carter	Bloomfield
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
CT-N	CT Broadcasting Network
Connor Martin	East Hartford
Lori Spielman	Ellington
Jennifer Brady	FHWA
Charles Harlow	Fuss & O'Neill
Ken Livingston	IMEG
Laura Nagle	IMEG
Mark Czerepusko	New Britain
Paul Chaplinsky	Southington

Kevin Vincens  
William Morrison  
James Kulpa  
Shari Cantor

South Windsor  
Stafford  
VHB  
West Hartford

**CRCOG Staff**

Robert Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Ryan Faulkner, Laura Frankowski, Roger Krahn, Anaka Maher, Aaliyah Miller, Dagmar Noll, Matt Hart, Sotoria Montanari, Robyn Nichols, Caitlin Palmer, Pramod Pandey, Cara Radzins, Elizabeth Sanderson, Karen Stewartson, Terri Thompson, Pauline Yoder

The record below includes a brief description of each agenda item and a timestamp for the beginning of that discussion. The audio recording for this meeting is available at [www.crcog.org](http://www.crcog.org).

**1. Roll Call–56:07**–The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Acting Chair Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton. Ms. Carson mentioned that CT-N Broadcasting was recording the meeting. The Zoom participant list will be used for roll call.

**2. Public Forum–56:42**–There were no public comments.

**3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes: June 23, 2025–57:06**–A motion was made by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, seconded by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, to adopt the minutes from the meeting on June 23, 2025. This motion was passed unanimously with five (5) abstentions made by Frank Dellaripa from the City of Hartford, Greg Sommer from the Town of West Hartford, Dave Smith from the Town of Vernon, David Nourse from the Town of Southington, and Neil Pade from the Town of Canton.

**4. Staff Report**

- **60 Seconds for Safety: CRCOG Safety Action Plan: Update and Project Selection–58:17**–Roger Krahn gave a brief update on the CRCOG Safety Action Plan, including the creation of crash injury network and severity maps and plans for virtual meetings with municipalities to identify specific project locations.
- **IIJA Update–1:01:28**–Elizabeth Sanderson provided updates on funding opportunities, highlighting open programs and a recent grant submission by CRCOG. More information is available at <https://crcog.org/bil-iija/>
- **Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) Awards–1:05:33**–Anaka Maher shared that Bolton, Columbia and Marlborough, received TRIP awards.
- **LOTICIP Quarterly Report–1:06:33**–Sotoria Montanari shared highlights of the LOTICIP Quarterly Report for FY2025 Quarter 4. No additional comments were required.
- **2026 LOTICIP Project Solicitation Recommendations–1:10:56**–Sotoria Montanari shared that the Cost Review Sub-Committee reviewed the 2026 Project Solicitation Recommendations, including budget allocations, cost containment measures, and updated rating criteria for underserved communities. The conservation included discussions about bridge projects and scoring criteria adjustments. An updated Selection Policy will be brought to the Committee for action in September.
- **Other–1:12:56**–There were no other additional staff reports

- **Executive Director Update–1:13:04**–Matt Hart congratulated the three CROG towns that received TRIP awards and mentioned that the next Vision Task Force meeting will be held on July 23, 2025.

**5. TIP Amendments–1:14:04**–Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments. A motion was made by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to approve the TIP Amendments as presented (*acting as the Transportation Committee and the Policy Board*). This motion was passed unanimously.

- District 2 – Various – Bridge Improvements; Various Bridges After PPP
- District 1 – Various – Replacement of Highway Illumination Systems
- Hartford - I-91- Bridge Improvements; Bridge 01686E over Parking Area
- District 1 – Various – Bridge Improvements; Various Bridges After PPP

**6. LOTCIP Funding Increase/Scope Modification Requests–1:18:55**

- **Berlin Kensington Road Bridge Replacement Project (L007-0001):** Sotora Montanari reviewed the LOTCIP Funding Increase, and Mike Ahern from the Town of Berlin added some additional information. A motion was made by Frank Dellaripa from the City of Hartford, seconded by Rob Trottier from the Town of Bloomfield, to approve the cost increase of \$1,343,800 in LOTCIP funding (*acting as the Transportation Committee*). This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Mansfield Maple Road Complete Streets Project Phases 1/2 (L077-0002/0003):** Sotora Montanari noted that the request from the Town of Mansfield will be postponed until September.

**7. Resolution: Contract for Regional Waste Authority (RWA) Consulting, Evaluation, Planning, Education and Outreach, and Implementation Services–1:24:32**–Robyn Nichols presented the resolution. A motion was made by Russ Arnold from the Town of Farmington, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to approve a resolution for CROG to sign a contract with H2M Architects and Engineers for Regional Waste Authority Consulting Services (*acting as the Transportation Committee and the Policy Board*). This motion was passed unanimously.

**8. Presentation: East Coast Greenway Gap Closure Study–1:26:45**–Caitlin Palmer presented an update on the East Coast Greenway Gap Closure Study. She outlined the study area, goals, and process, highlighting challenges such as natural and man-made barriers. She presented preferred alignments for Bloomfield, Hartford, and East Hartford. The study is in the public engagement phase, with a draft Final Report available for comment until August 15, 2025. The next steps include seeking endorsements from the municipalities, Transportation Committee, and Policy Board Committee, followed by a pitch meeting with CTDOT.

**9. Other Business–1:48:26**–There was no other business discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2025, though a special meeting may be necessary in August in the event of time-sensitive action items.

**10. Adjourn–1:48:38**–The meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm via a motion by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Dave Smith from the Town of Vernon.